

APPENDIX T

MONTANA POPULATION DATA AND RESOURCES FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU AND THE MONTANA CENSUS AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION CENTER

For 2008 Updated County and City Population Estimates, see the following Montana Census and Economic Information Center (CEIC) website:

Counties 2008 Update: <http://ceic.mt.gov/EstimatesCntyPop.asp>

Cities 2008 Update: <http://ceic.mt.gov/EstimatesPlacePop.asp>

ADDITIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC DATA RESOURCES

1. *Appendix P -- Resources for Evaluating and Meeting Local Housing Needs.*

Appendix P lists many resources that can provide demographic, social, economic and historical data on your community.

2. *Montana Census and Economic Information Center (CEIC, <http://ceic.mt.gov>, 406-841-2740).*

The *Montana Census and Economic Information Center* is an essential source for demographic data and assists individuals, businesses, governments, communities and economic development efforts by providing Montana demographic and economic information and statistics, as well as technical expertise. CEIC is the designated state agency to provide user access to electronic data from the Census Bureau and to receive, reproduce, and distribute maps produced by the Bureau. The Census & Economic Information Center's web site allows the public to research and gather data in an easily accessible manner.

The Montana CEIC is part of the Montana Department of Commerce and is the official source of U.S. Census data for Montana. CEIC says that using the e-mail form at <http://ceic.mt.gov/ContactCEIC.asp> (which lists all CEIC staff and their phone numbers) is the quickest way to receive a response.

CEIC compiles and updates Community Profiles for all communities in Montana: These Demographic Community Profiles (both brief 4-page profiles and very detailed 34 or 58-page profiles) provide demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics for Montana as whole and also for all 56 Montana counties, all cities and towns, all Indian reservations, and special unincorporated Census Designated Places (CDPs). The Community Profiles are available on-line at http://ceic.mt.gov/Demog_Profiles.asp.

3. *The Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) of the MDOC's Community Development Division http://comdev.mt.gov/CDD_ctap.asp*

The *Community Technical Assistance Program* is a community planning and technical resource unit of MDOC's Community Development Division. CTAP can help you is by using GIS technology and public databases (such as the Montana Department of Revenue's ratings of "unsound" and "very poor" structural conditions of dwellings in Montana municipalities) to create maps identifying critical housing features of your community. You can contact CTAP at (406) 841-2598. http://comdev.mt.gov/CDD_ctap_contact.asp

See the Mapping and GIS Data resources listed at the CTAP website at http://comdev.mt.gov/CDD_Links_Census.asp CTAP provides technical assistance to local governments and their planning boards and zoning commissions, private sector developers, engineers, and consultants to encourage the development of well planned and attractive communities to support the State's economic development efforts.

CTAP works to meet the continuing need for on-going training and education to help local governments and the private sector deal with the difficulties involved in preparing mandated growth policies and in administering a complex state subdivision law and local subdivision regulations, as well as local zoning regulations. CTAP provides training and technical assistance by telephone and internet communication, periodic regional workshops, and has a library of sample growth policies, model regulations, handbooks, and reference materials that will be available for loan or downloading via the Internet.